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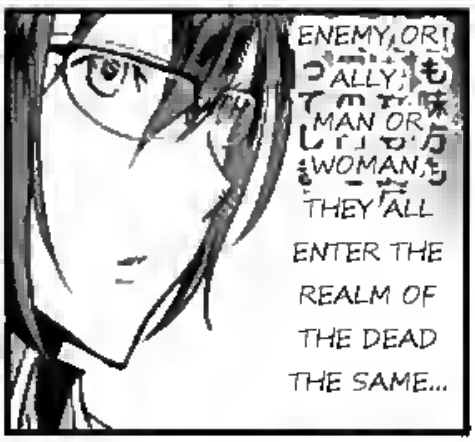
PREPARE
TO
INTERCEPT!
DON'T
FALTER,
KEEP
ADVANCING!

I BELIEVE SOME IMPERIAL SOLDIERS USED BOMBS ON THE BUNKER!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
REBUILD THE FORMA-TION!

AS YOU JUST SAW, THE DAMAGE OVER AT BATTERY 702 IS DEVASTATING.

HIS HIGHNESS' COMPLEXION DOESN'T LOOK TOO GOOD...
ARE THEY ALLOWED TO SURRENDER IN THESE SITUATIONS?


ENEMY, OR ALLY, MAN OR WOMAN, THEY ALL ENTER THE REALM OF THE DEAD THE SAME...

CAN HE REALLY HANDLE A BATTLEFIELD WHERE PEOPLE ARE DYING?
DESPITE BEING CALLED THE KING, HE'S JUST AN ORDINARY MAN, としては
I SEE.
THE COMMANDER AT THE SCENE HAS PERMISSION TO DECIDE THAT IN DIFFICULT SITUATIONS.

THE COMMANDER OF BATTERY 702.
REPORT-ING:
LET US NOT FORGET HIS LOYALTY.
HAS BEEN KILLED IN ACTION!
I SHALL TAKE MY LEAVE!
YES, SIR!
IS THIS PER-HAPS CAUSED BY THE KING'S SWORD?
THOUGH AT TIMES LIKE THIS, HE REALLY DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A BEGINNER.
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WHY DO YOU
YOUR HIGHNESS, FORGIVE MY RUDENESS FOR ASKING THIS.
RETREAT!
NOT GIVE OUT ORDERS AT THE COMMAND CENTER?
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BELIEVE MY JOB AS THE RULER IS TO BE A DECORATION.
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THIS IS TO BE A DECORATION THAT THE PEOPLE CAN ADMIRE.
AS THE ONE IN CHARGE, I AM TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY WHEN THE SITUATION CALLS FOR IT.
I AM BUT A FOOL WHO ACTS LIKE THE RULER.
YOUR HIGHNESS, HAVE YOU SIMPLY GIVEN UP?
I HAD ALREADY
GIVEN UP ON LIVING AS MYSELF.
HOWEVER, I BELIEVE THAT WAS A GOOD THING.

WHY WON'T PRINCESS GLORIE MAKE A MOVE?
I STILL DON'T GET IT,
SHE SHOULD BE CAPABLE OF BREAKING THROUGH THE DEFENSIVE LINE WITH HER LARGE FORCE.
WHY DOES SHE KEEP UP THIS SLUGGISH ASSAULT?
IS THAT REALLY ALL THOUGH?
EVEN IF THEY BREAK THROUGH PARATEON FORTRESS, THEY'LL STILL HAVE TO FACE THE REMAINING MILITARY.
COULD SHE SIMPLY BE WAITING FOR US TO EXHAUST OURSELVES?

1. THEY'RE AWAITING EVEN FURTHER REINFORCEMENTS.
2. THEY PLAN TO EMPLOY STRATEGIC CLASS MAGIC AND ARE PREPARING A MAGIC CIRCLE.
3. THEY PLAN TO ASSAULT THE FORTRESS FROM A ROUTE WE DON'T KNOW OF.
THERE ARE 3 POSSIBILITIES FOR WHY SHE WOULD ABANDON A FRONTAL ASSAULT TO BREAK THROUGH THE DEFENSIVE LINE:
WE'LL NEED ANOTHER 2 MONTHS TO RECEIVE ENOUGH REINFORCEMENT TO HANDLE THE EMPIRE'S ARMY AS IT IS.
BUT IN THIS FORTRESS' CURRENT SITUATION, GOING OUT MYSELF IS TOO DANGEROUS.
I SUPPOSE THERE'S SIMPLY NO WAY OF DOING ANYTHING ABOUT THE EMPIRE'S MOVEMENTS...
I'M GETTING A HEAD-ACHE...
THOUGH IT WOULDN'T EXACTLY GIVE US MANY MORE PLANS...
IT'S TIMES LIKE THIS THAT I WISH HE WERE ANOTHER OF OUR STAFF OFFICERS,
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IT SEEMS I MAY HAVE LET THE SWORD USE TOO MANY OF MY THOUGHTS...
DON'T WORRY,
YOUR HIGHNESS PLEASE DON'T OVERWORK YOURSELF THERE IS NO ONE WHO CAN TAKE YOUR PLACE!
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
I'M NOT COMPLETELY FINE, BUT I CAN STILL GO ON, THE SWORD CAN BE CONVENIENT AT TIM-

YOUR HIGHNESS! CAPTAIN!
ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?!
CAPTAIN, PLEASE DON'T MOVE!
IT'S NOT WISE TO CARELESSLY MOVE HIS HIGHNESS' BODY UNTIL WE KNOW WHY HE COLLAPSED.

GET A DOCTOR!
UMM...
HIS COMPLE-XION WASN'T TOO GOOD FOR A WHILE
YEAH
RELYING ON THE SWORD TO SURPASS HIS LIMITS MUST HAVE BACKFIRED ON HIM.
HE SEEMS TO BE BREATHING PROPERLY,
IT WAS PROBABLY FATIGUE, BUT...
HE NEEDS TO TAKE BETTER CARE OF HIS BODY...
HIS PULSE IS FINE TOO.
HE WOULD WORK WELL INTO THE NIGHT.

I SUPPOSE IT'S A GOOD THING IT HAPPENED NOW, YOU COULD EVEN SAY THE SWORD WANTED HIM TO REST.
HUH... I DON'T REALLY...
WELL, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, YOU'LL KEEP ATTENDING TO HIS HIGHNESS AS BEFORE.

HMM, IF HE WASN'T THE REGENT, HE COULD HAVE MADE IT FAR IN THE MILITARY.

SO HIS HIGHNESS WAS SUSPICIOUS OF GLORIE'S ACTIONS...

COULD YOU SEND HIS HIGHNESS BACK TO THE CAPITAL?

SIR,

HE HOWEVER, DOESN'T EVEN CARE ABOUT RECEIVING THAT PAYMENT, SO THERE'S NO REASON TO EVEN HAVE HIM FIGHT
GIVEN UP ON LIVING AS MYSELF
WAR IS FOR SOLDIERS, THE TREATMENT EX-SERVICEMEN RECEIVE IS THE PAYMENT FOR HAVING RISKED THEIR LIVES.
BUT IF WE LOSE HIM, THE KINGDOM IS DOOMED.
IT'S TRUE THAT HIS PRESENCE IMPROVES MORALE,
YOU'RE MAKING TOO LIGHTLY OF HIS HIGHNESS.
WHY NOT?!
THAT CAN'T BE DONE.
YOU FEAR HIM.
NO, IF ANYTHING,
YOU BELIEVE THAT HE'S TOO WEAK TO SUPPORT HIS COUNTRY AND FIGHT, DON'T YOU?

I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, YOU WILL CONTINUE TO ATTEND TO HIS HIGHNESS.
YOU ARE ALSO TO LEARN ABOUT THE DARKNESS HE IS COPING WITH, IT'LL NO DOUBT HELP YOU IN THE FUTURE.
!?!!
HIS HIGHNESS IS QUITE SIMILAR TO YOUR FATHER, GALIAN.
I DO NOT BELIEVE IT WAS A MISTAKE FOR YOU TO JOIN THE MILITARY AND BECOME AN OFFICER.
HE WAS A GENIUS, A FAR BETTER COMMANDER THAN ME,
AND YOU ARE HIS PRECIOUS DAUGHTER.

EVERYONE REMEMBERS THE HERO FROM THE WAR 25 YEARS AGO.
IT WAS THANKS TO HIM THAT I AM STILL ALIVE.
HE MADE MOM CRY, THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN BE A HERO.
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MY FATHER WAS NOT A HERO.
I'LL BE TAKING MY LEAVE.

HE'LL JUST REPLACE MY FATHER AS AN OBSTACLE TO OVERCOME.
YOU WON'T GET AWAY...
LECTIVAL,
THE ENTIRE FAMILY SWEPT, HOW CAN HE BE A HERO?
I WON'T FORGET MOM'S TEARS.
IF HIS HIGHNESS IS THAT SIMILAR TO HIM, THAT HELPS.
HEH... HAHA...
I BECAME AN OFFICER JUST SO I COULD PROVE HE DIED IN VAIN.
I WON'T FORGIVE THE PEOPLE WHO CELEBRATE HIM AS A HERO EITHER.
AUTOMATA UNIT, PREPARE TO ATTACK.
SUPPRESS THE KINGDOM'S 070TH ENCAMPMENT!

SHIT,
NOW OF ALL TIMES?!
STOP THEM AT ALL
COSTS!
WHERE'S OUR
ARTILLERY
SUPPORT?!
GAAGH!

ENCAMPMENT 070 IN THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE HAS COME UNDER ATTACK FROM AN AUTOMATA UNIT.
I'M FINE, HOW'S THE BATTLE?
YOUR HIGHNESS, SHOULDN'T YOU REST MORE?
WE HAD MAINTAINED THE CURRENT POSITION BY WITHDRAWING AND REBUILDING THE UNITS,
BUT DUE TO AN OVERSIGHT THIS TIME, THEY CAUGHT US RIGHT BEFORE THE UNIT COULD WITHDRAW.
THEY ARE QUITE CLOSE TO THE ENEMY, SO THEY'VE COME UNDER ATTACK PLENTY OF TIMES BEFORE.
FIELD ARTILLERY 103 AND 077, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
AT THIS RATE, YES.
SO, WILL ENCAMPMENT 070 COLLAPSE?
I'M NOT BLAMING ANYONE, GLORIE IS NOT AN ORDINARY OPPONENT.

IT'S AN EMERGENCY MEASURE, SINCE THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO ABOUT IT.
THEY WILL THEN BECOME THE NEW LINE OF DEFENSE.
THUS WE ARE MAKING ENCAMPMENT 070 RETREAT TO A NEARBY ENCAMPMENT TO BE ABSORBED BY THEM
UNFOR-TUNATELY, WE DON'T HAVE ANY REINFORCE-MENTS CLOSE ENOUGH TO THERE,
YOUR HIGHNESS, DO YOU UNDERSTAND THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS FORMATION?
BUT THERE IS ONE THING THAT'S CONCERNING.
AND
SHE PURPOSELY LEFT 070, CREATED AN OPENING,
GLORIE, AFTER SITTING AROUND FOR SO LONG, IS FINALLY MOVING.

INDEED, THIS CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED AN INVITATION FOR YOU TO JOIN THE BATTLEFIELD.
IS INVITING ME.
EVEN IF WE SENT OUT REINFORCEMENTS, THEY MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO HELP, WE NEED TIME.
ENCAMPMENT 070'S FALL IS IMMINENT,
I CAN UNDER-STAND YOUR THOUGHTS,
YOUR HIGH-NESS...
IN WHICH CASE, IT'S OBVIOUS WHAT OUR PLAN SHOULD BE.
SHOULD PRINCESS GLORIE MANAGE TO DEFEAT YOU, THE EMPIRE WILL IMMEDIATELY OVERWHELM OUR ENCAMPMENT WITH NUMBERS.
HOWEVER, THAT PLAN IS TOO DANGEROUS, WHILE THE SWORD MIGHT PROTECT YOU,
YOU INTEND TO USE THE KING'S SWORD TO BUY ENOUGH TIME TO REBUILD THE ENCAMPMENT, NO?

WE NEED TO WAIT FOR NOW.
EVEN IF ENCAMPMENT 070 FALLS, WE CAN STILL REBUILD THE DEFEN-SIVE LINE.
THAT'S TRUE...
SO THEN-
HOW-EVER,
IS IT NOT NECESSARY TO FALL INTO THE ENEMY'S PLAN HERE?
SO TELL ME GALAHA,
BUT IF WE PUSH THEM BACK HERE, WE WILL CONTROL THE BATTLE-FIELD.
IF WE FALL BACK HERE, THE EMPIRE WILL GAIN MOMENTUM,
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CAN YOU WIN THIS BATTLE?
IF YOU GIVE ME THE ORDER, I CERTAINLY WILL...
JUST AS I'D EXPECT OF HIS HIGHNESS.